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MEMORANDUM FOR : Executive Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT : NRO Proposal to Surface KEDLOCK as Cover for  
OXCART and EARNING

1. Just a note to tell you that I understand from Colonel Geary that Dr. McMillan will send to the Director by Friday or early next week a proposal calling for the surfacing of the long-range interceptor version of the A-12 (Project KEDLOCK), presumably at Edwards Air Force Base as cover for the continued security of Projects OXCART and EARNING (R-12).

2. This, I feel, is going to be contrary to the present thoughts of Mr. Bannerman as reflected to the Director in his memorandum on the handling of Mr. Hotz, Editor of AVIATION WEEK, and neither Colonel Geary nor I can be in any way assured that we will see Dr. McMillan's paper prior to its arrival on the Director's desk. Apparently McMillan has given the job of writing it to Brigadier General John Martin, Director of the NRO Staff, who in turn has given it to [Redacted] who used to be our Photographic Officer in the IDEALIST Project! McMillan alluded to the fact that he intended to write such a paper at a meeting we had with him this week of the Ad Hoc Cover Committee when we finally received approval for the OXCART contingency story which we have had on his desk since 19 August. If it does come into your office first before the Director sees it, we would appreciate a chance to critique it and comment upon it for the boss.

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NRO review(s) completed.

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